



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Herndon, et. al.

Application No.: 10/719,323

Filed: November 20, 2003

For: **INBOARD THRUST SURFACE FLUID
RECIRCULATION PUMP**

Examiner: Jefferson A. Evans

Art Group: 2652

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, Applicants herewith respond. Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. The Final Office Action rejected all pending claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified claims in view of the following Amendments, Remarks and Examiner interview on June 6, 2006.